

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 11 and 30 have been amended, and claims 17 and 34 have been cancelled. The following is a complete listing of the claims, which replaces all previous versions and listings of the claims.

1. (previously presented) A track assembly adapted to be mounted in a housing, the track assembly comprising:

- a first rail member;
- a second rail member coupled to the first rail member expandably, the first and second rail members each having an interior end located proximate to the cooperating portions of the first and second rail members and a distal end located opposite to the interior end;
- mounting brackets respectively attached to distal ends of the first and second rail members;
- a biasing member positioned between the first and second rail members to provide a force for extending the distance between the distal ends of the first and second rail members; and
- a locking mechanism interacting with the first and second rail members to resist inward movement of the distal ends of the first and second rail members with respect to one another.

2. (previously presented) The track assembly of claim 1, wherein each mounting bracket includes a mounting tab adapted to be received in a mounting slot in the housing.

3. (previously presented) The track assembly of claim 1, wherein the second rail member includes a longitudinal elongated slot having a fastener inserted therethrough to secure the first rail member to the second rail member, the fastener and the elongated

slot being configured to limit the relative longitudinal movement of the rail members with respect to each other.

4. (previously presented) The track assembly of claim 1, wherein the first and second rail members slidably engage each other.

5-9. (canceled)

10. (previously presented) The track assembly of claim 1, comprising a slide assembly mounted to one of the rail members.

11. (currently amended) A sliding track assembly adapted to be mounted in a rack, the sliding track assembly having a slide assembly mounted to a rail assembly, the sliding track assembly comprising:

first and second rail members engaged with one another expandably,
the first and second rail members each having a distal end
located proximate to the rack;

mounting brackets respectively attached to distal ends of the first and
second rail members; ~~and~~

a non-threaded locking mechanism interacting with the first and
second rail members, the locking mechanism having a locked
configuration limiting collapsing movement of the rail
members with respect to one another; and

a biasing member positioned between the engaged first and second
rail members to provide a spring force opposing inward
movement of the distal ends of the first and second rail
members with respect to one another.

12-15. (canceled)

16. (previously presented) The sliding track assembly of claim 11, wherein each mounting bracket includes a mounting tab adapted to be received in a mounting slot in the rack.

17-22. (canceled)

23. (previously presented) The track assembly of claim 1, wherein the biasing member comprises a compression spring.

24. (previously presented) The track assembly of claim 1, wherein the locking mechanism comprises a tab located on the first slide rail and an actuable member extending through the first and second rails for interlocking engagement with the tab.

25. (previously presented) The track assembly of claim 24, wherein the locking mechanism is operable tool-lessly.

26. (previously presented) The track assembly of claim 24, wherein locking mechanism comprises a biasing mechanism configured to bias an actuable member towards the tab.

27. (previously presented) The track assembly of claim 11, further comprising a biasing member configured to expand the first and second rail members with respect to one another.

28. (previously presented) The track assembly of claim 11, wherein the biasing member comprises a spring.

29. (previously presented) The track assembly of claim 11, wherein the locking mechanism is tool-lessly operable.

30. (currently amended) A track assembly, comprising:
- a first rail member configured to receive a second rail member expandably, wherein the first and second members each include an engaged end located proximate to cooperating portions of the first and second rail members and a distal end located opposite the engaged end and wherein the distal ends each comprise a mounting bracket
 - a biasing member configured to bias the distal ends relative to one another; and
 - a locking mechanism configured to prevent relative movement between the distal ends.

31. (previously presented) The track assembly of claim 30, wherein the biasing member comprises a compression spring.

32. (previously presented) The track assembly of claim 30, wherein the locking mechanism is operable tool-lessly.

33. (previously presented) The track assembly of claim 30, wherein the locking mechanism comprises a tab located on the second rail member and an actuable member extending through the first and second rail members for interlocking engagement with the tab.

34. (cancelled)